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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Of all the work begun and carried on by Free Baptists, none has had more signal success than that of Storer College, one of the oldest institutions of learning for colored people in the United States. The story of its early days is as thrilling as any fictitious tale of adventure, and the name of the hero is indissolubly connected with it. A recent graduate of Storer writes, in an article on "The Modern Knight," "Scarce had the smoke of the battle died away at Harper's Ferry before there appeared upon the scene a knight who was not to marshal armies upon the battlefield, but was to wage war against ignorance and superstition which enslaved the minds of the freedmen. His task was Herculean, for not only had he to contend with the illiteracy of the emancipated, but against hatred and adverse criticism of the ex-slave holder. This knight of whom I speak is the late lamented Dr. Brackett, who ought to be revered by every son and daughter of Storer College on account of his moral worth and public service."

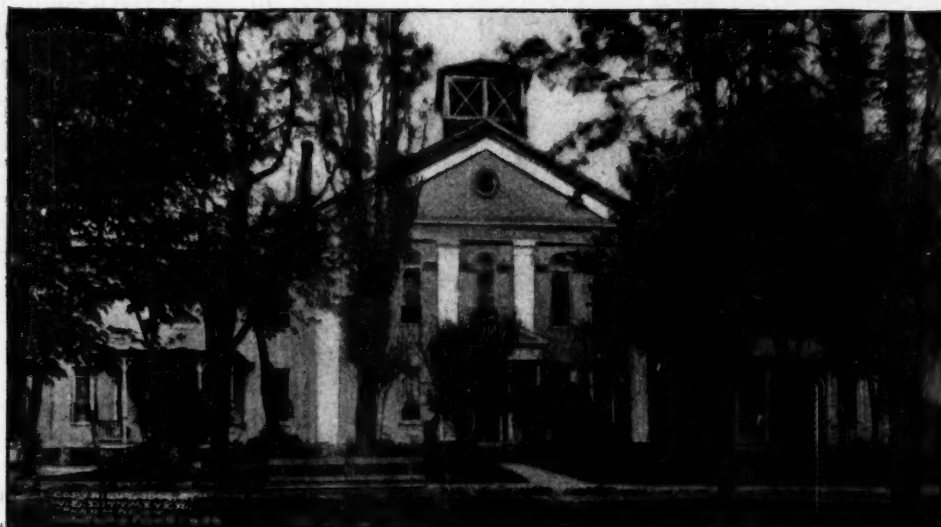
Another name that naturally comes to mind, in connection with pioneer work for freedmen in the Shenandoah Valley, is that of Anne Dudley Bates. Socially ostracised, persecuted, in constant danger, these two kept steadily at work, with courage, vision and faith—even rejoicing. They prayed through stone walls, in those days. Mrs. Bates tells of a quaint but powerful petition often heard in the meetings: "O, Lord, bless de teacher who come so far to 'struct us in de way of heaven. Rock her in de cradle of love! Backen de word of power in her heart, dat she may have souls for her hire, and many stars in her crown, in de great gittin' up mornin' when de general roll is called." One has but to read the articles in this *HELPER* to get an interesting glimpse, at least, of what has been accomplished in less than fifty years. In a special number of *Fisk University News* we read, "Several schools for Negroes had romantic beginnings. Hampton had its heroic early days, gathering around the personality of General Armstrong. Tuskegee's romance rests largely on the ever inspiring story of the rise from a little slave boy into the strong American citizen of world honor, Dr. Booker T. Washington. The romance of Fisk's early beginning will always be associated in the popular mind with the Jubilee Singers and Jubilee songs." In a similar manner the name of Dr. N. C. Brackett must ever be linked with Storer College. . . . The Twenty-second Thank Offering call reminds us that our most beautiful service is not too far away for us to begin to plan and pray for it. Our Treasurer calls attention to the imperative need of a large offering. It is very interesting to the editor to note how quickly there is response to any special appeal in our magazine. This is one of the most vital reasons for its maintenance. We welcome the new mem-

ber of the Thank Offering committee, Mrs. Ida L. Stillman, who has already brought helpful thoughts to this phase of our work. Mrs. Ricker, chairman of the committee, writes of the inspiration of the joint session of the New Durham Quarterly Meeting and Rockingham Association held in Dover, N. H., in January. In meeting with other workers of the W. M. S. she was impressed by the general remarks that indicated greater interest, steady progress, larger receipts for mission work, no thought of giving up, *young* women as leaders, much appreciation of the new covers of the HELPER and of its general contents. She adds, "What a wonderful time is the present! How different is woman's life today from what it was in that story of beginnings recorded in Western Women in Eastern Lands!" The President of the Maine W. M. S. and the editor were happy in being guests at an all-day Rally, Feb. 14, of the Portland auxiliary which took the form of a Valentine Luncheon in the vestry of the church. Representatives of South Portland, Scarboro and Ocean Park Societies were present, and a group of young women served most charmingly. The decorations were hearts and hyacinths, and the presiding officer, in her gracious welcoming speech, called it "a heart to heart affair," as indeed it was. Practical questions concerning the work were discussed to its permanent advantage; but quite as important, we believe, was the social intercourse, the meeting and getting better acquainted, the deepening of that "family feeling" which all who work together, year after year, come to understand. . . . Mrs. Griffin sent many new HELPER subscribers from the West, and now Mr. Griffin is sending some from northern Maine! We wish that these two indefatigable workers might visit every state in the Union! Mrs. Murphy, too, has been busy, as the report of the Western Committee indicates. Mrs. Miles, in sending the report, calls attention to the Northern Baptist Convention which meets this year in Des Moines, Iowa, May 15-22, and says that many Free Baptists of the Middle West will attend. Prof. Anthony announces in an open letter, "Free Baptist churches, without change of name or associations, have the same rights of membership in the national Baptist organization, as do Baptist churches. Every Free Baptist church in the country may send at least one delegate; and it may send an additional delegate for every one hundred members which it enrolls." A young woman teacher in a city school writes, "I appreciate the HELPER more than ever and mean to subscribe for two copies—one for myself and one to pass on." Isn't that a wise suggestion? Our Treasurer urges all whose names are on the Roll of Honor who have not paid for their share in Miss Barnes' salary this year, and all who wish their names to be added, to send the money at once to Miss Porter so the list can be revised and printed by the first of May. . . . A curious and interesting article by a Moslem on Matrimony and Divorce may be found in *The Missionary Review of the World* for February, and can be profitably used in connection with the united study program for next month.

Storer College

BY HENRY T. MCDONALD, PRESIDENT.

This year is one of the eras of improvement and encouragement at Storer. In material things we have been blest. The larger interest of the denomination in Storer, as shown by the increased gifts to it during the past few years, has well manifested itself in the erection of the President's House, the new Lincoln Hall, John Brown Fort, and now in the improvements which are in process. Last summer we built a silo which, during this year of extremely high prices of feed stuffs, has proved of

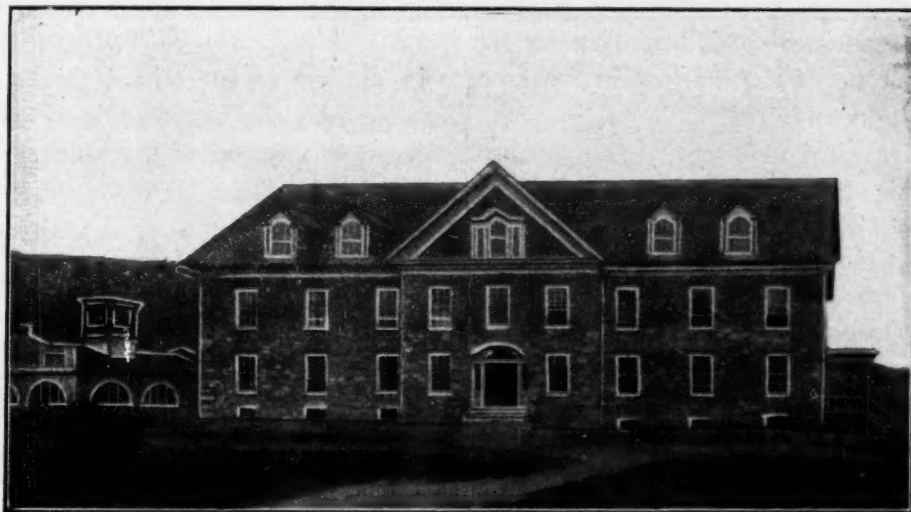


ANTHONY HALL

great worth to our dairy. It represents an outlay of practically \$250. The fitting up of the chemical laboratory in the Bowen Lecture Room means the addition of means for doing better and more extensive work in Chemistry than has ever been attempted here. A part of the work contemplated in chemistry is to teach the subject with reference to its application to domestic science and farming and gardening. The improvements in the laboratory represent the outlay of several hundred dollars.

The final and most important improvement is the installation of the water system. Ours is the pneumatic pressure system. A six thousand gallon tank placed in the basement of Anthony Memorial Hall furnishes storage room and also furnishes the pressure. The well, which is the source of the supply, is a short distance from the Hall, and the water is

forced into the steel tank by a four horse power gasoline engine. As I write the careful testing of the system is being made and pressure regulation is being adjusted. We have easily thrown a stream of water over Myrtle Hall. It seems, therefore, as though we have sufficient pressure and believe that our supply, which has not been fully tested by use, will meet our wants. When the system is formally opened, some time during the next few days, we will feel as though another red letter day in the history of Storer has arrived. When completed it will represent an outlay of about \$4,000.



LINCOLN HALL

This is no more—really less—than was the amount first estimated.

These temporal blessings inspire in us a devout thankfulness for the continued interest of the generous in the work being done here. As I become better acquainted with the work of similar institutions, by personal visit and by measuring the words of others when they speak of this institution, I am deeply impressed by the belief that our work here is a work of genuineness and of far-reaching import. Storer students are men and women of worth to their communities; they are generally imbued with the spirit of doing good, and they are possessed of wholesome and sober convictions concerning the importance of contributing something worth while to their several communities. They are not parasites on the body politic.

Our enrollment now is the second largest in our history. This day,

Feb. 1, we have 95 young men and 121 young women on our roll. The average of attendance has been the highest in the history of the school. We have, boarding here, 166 people, distributed as follows: Lockwood Club, 25; Myrtle Hall Club, 69; Lincoln Hall Club, 72. The two first named clubs are for girls, the last for boys. Our system of separate clubs for boys and girls is not a common one, but it works well here. This year there are only 5 girls who board themselves. The rigid economy practiced in the management of the clubs, makes it practically impossible for one to board herself more cheaply than the clubs furnish board. The item of purchasing supplies for such a company of live young folks is a matter of no small importance.

One of the marked improvements in the life of the school this year is the music at the college church. The pipe organ is working finely, and the musical numbers of the services under the direction of the teacher of music, Miss Horton, is a very impressive feature of the Sunday services. A choir of 16 picked voices, which has been receiving special training, has been complimented frequently by visitors.

This year we have a larger number of post-graduate students in school than ever before, nine in all. A number are preparing to enter institutions of higher learning. We are offering more advanced work than ever before. There are classes in Latin, Greek, French and German, and full college preparatory work is being done. At the same time there is no lessening of the amount of industrial instruction given. In fact, those courses, in some respects, will be richer and more complete than hitherto, when the work of applied chemistry is given.

Just now Storer people are rejoicing in the success of Miss Marian Green who graduated from our Normal Course in 1905, then taught in the public schools for a time, returned and prepared fully for entrance at Hillsdale College.

This past Fall she won the oratorical contest in the Ladies' Literary Union of that institution and was recently chosen to be the woman representative from Hillsdale in the Michigan State Oratorical Contest. It is probable that this is the first time in the history of Hillsdale—famous as it is for its success in oratory—that a woman of color has been thus signally honored. She says that her success thus far is due in no small measure to the thorough training given in Storer. We like to think so.

A review of the progress of the year thus far would be incomplete were we to stop there and make no mention of the widening influence of

the school. Students are here from New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Tennessee; two from Trinidad, two from Barbados and one from Africa. The lives of these young people are being touched and energized to do good in remote lands. Already there have been filed a number of applications for admission next fall, one of which is from a Liberia student. We may not be large in numbers, our resources are not over many, but somehow the influence—the essential thing—emanating from this school has been unusually far-reaching and wholesome.

A word as to real needs. I never mention one until it has become seemingly imperative. It is a reference to one which has been brought



PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

to the attention of our friends before. I bring it again, confidently believing that *some one wants* to supply the building we have urgent need for—A Domestic Science Hall. That is the next need in the way of buildings. We are trying to teach sewing to 120 girls in a room 17x19 feet. Need I say anything about over-crowded room, inevitable conditions bordering on the unsanitary? If the classes were no larger than they should be in such a room, the days would not be long enough for all of them to recite as often as they should.

The same number of girls are in cooking. The Demonstration kitchen is 22x28. How much room is left for the girls to move about in when one considers that in the room, to begin with, is a range, sink, china closet, kitchen cabinet and two closets for cooking utensils and

dishes, two demonstration tables and as many chairs as can be tucked in, in odd corners and angles. In spite of the crowded conditions, I am certain that the HELPER readers would be delighted with the good things which are prepared there.

As was said before, the need of this hall is really imperative. What do you think about it, as you read this article. Would you not esteem it a privilege to make such a building a reality? I believe that a building adequate to our present and prospective needs could be erected here for a sum not exceeding \$12,000.

Think of it, in this building generations of young people will be taught to DO. Could one erect a finer monument?

Harper's Ferry, West Va.

Myrtle Hall As It Is

BY ALICE M. METCALF.

"How nice that you can go South and escape the cold winter at the North," is a salutation often given me by my friends. This picture of our dear Myrtle Hall will disabuse the minds of such friends who think I am sitting on the Campus fanning myself or roaming over the mountain slopes picking flowers. Myrtle Hall in summer, however, with its delightful shade trees, cannot be more beautiful than now, when clad in a dress of pure white.

A cold exterior is not always an indication of what is within. Many a person with a frigid, unapproachable manner, may have concealed the warmest heart, and so the inner life of Myrtle Hall, which I am to talk about, is sunny, bright and cheerful, with merry laughter and happy faces of nearly seventy girls. Four teachers live in this hall and Mrs. Jenness joins us at meal time.

Miss Mabel Young, a new teacher, a graduate of Storer and of the Boston High and Normal schools, is proving a valuable acquisition to our teaching force. She has a strong character and her earnest Christian life exerts a healthful influence upon the students. The Christian Endeavor Society is already taking on new life because of her activities. The Woman's Mission Society made no mistake when it made possible her becoming a teacher at Storer. Miss Ida Horton is a cheery, sunny little body, always with a smile. The musical department under her direction is proving an attractive feature of our school work.

Miss Ella Smith is the same faithful superintendent and teacher, and certainly has the best interests of the girls at heart. The position of superintendent is not an easy one to fill, and we should appreciate the successful efforts of her whom we have elected to that position.

Improvements in Myrtle Hall are still going on. January twenty-ninth was a day long to be remembered. The girls gathered on the porch and watched a stream of water rise, above the trees and over the



MYRTLE HALL

building, from our new water system. For many days there had been much anxiety lest now that the water plant had been installed, and the piping all completed, there might be some failure at last. Our anxiety was soon dispelled and turned to rejoicing when the tank was filled with more than four thousand gallons of water with no diminution in the supply, and when Myrtle Hall, for the first time, was the proud possessor of toilet and bath conveniences in working order. In a short time the other buildings will share in our good fortune.

Sunday, the day of prayer for schools and colleges, was observed at

Storer. The students gathered in their respective halls and, led by the teachers, spent an hour in prayer and praise.

The girls in Myrtle Hall met in the sitting room. There were many expressions of thankfulness to the friends at the North, who remember us so bountifully and continuously, and especially those who have made our water supply possible.

Dear friends, two hundred and twenty-one young people, in this school, are looking to you for help and encouragement. I am sure they will not be disappointed. Still further improvements are needed. We must not stop till new floors are laid in the two upper halls and in the rooms. Fifty dollars is pledged for the second hall and we want another fifty for the upper hall. Several societies have written me asking where small amounts would do the most good. It has been estimated that ten dollars will pay for the lumber to refloor a room. Will your society take one room? I shall wait eagerly the incoming mails to get a favorable answer to my question.

It is Saturday morning. Come in and see us as we are. The writer is sitting at her table penning this article, the sunlight is streaming in at her two windows, bringing good cheer; the girls, in spite of the fact that the Ground Hog saw its shadow, yesterday, are cheerful and happy, and busy with the work of the morning, for each room must have a thorough cleaning on Saturday. They are proving the fact that more than one thing can be done at the same time, as they sing, talk and work, and an inspection of their rooms, later, will prove that the work was well done. After the rooms are cleaned, the floors in basement must be scrubbed. Some are in the laundry, as many girls do their washing in addition to their regular work. The girls pay six dollars per month for board, and work one hour a day. To plan so that each student can work one hour, is no small matter.

Shall I tell you what the seventy girls are actually doing today? This order is changed every two weeks, so that two weeks from today another set of girls will be doing what these are doing today. There are a few girls who do the same work all the year, namely, the waiter at the teachers' table, the one who cares for butter and milk, the bread cutter, head waiter in dining room, cook and superintendent of halls and stairs. Six girls serve as breakfast waiters, and six others wash the dishes. Another six are lunch waiters and another dish washers. Another set are dinner waiters and another wash dinner dishes. Then there are girls who

sweep the dining-room three times a day, and others dust. The pantry floors are being scrubbed and the laundry cleaned, halls are swept, porches cleaned and the girls' sitting-room put in order. By noon the girls' rooms will be ready for inspection and, were your visit to us today other than imaginary, I am sure you would commend our work and be assured that there are few drones in this hive on Saturday morning.

Is it modest for me to speak of myself? I know there are many women in our Woman's Mission Society who are interested in me, because I am working for them at Storer. My fourth year here only makes stronger the tie which binds me to this Institution. The associations grow dearer; the work and workers more precious, and the reflex influence upon my own life is doing much to sweeten and brighten it. I sincerely hope that in your planning for mission work, in your various societies, you will not forget Storer.

Harper's Ferry West, Va.

Domestic Science at Storer

(LETTER FROM MRS. NEWCOMER, TEACHER OF COOKERY AND SANITATION.)

My Dear Helper Friends:—When the cooking classes opened last fall the greetings of the girls were heart-warming. Several of them told me animatedly that they had cooked during the summer. One, that her mother had been sick and she had done all the cooking for the family. "And did you feed them well?" "Yes, I reckon I did. They all said I did. Most everything was good, anyway." Another: "That Mother's cake recipe is a good one, Mrs. Newcomer. I used it all summer." "Did you cook, this summer?" "Yes, Mrs. Newcomer, I cooked for one of the very best families in the place, and I got along real well. I used your recipes and cooked just like you showed us. The people were very nice to me."

Such words were cheering, reassuring me upon the point I am most anxious about—that the work in the demonstration kitchen be practical, applicable to everyday conditions and needs. On this point a letter received from a member of last year's graduating class was also encouraging:

"My grandmother was sick all summer and I helped to nurse her. She said I did her more good than any one else, using hot applications, rubbing her, etc., according to your instructions."

This refers to the lessons in Home Care of the Sick, which last year the seniors substituted for cooking, through the spring term. We expect to give this year's class the same course. The girls of '12, therefore, are now taking their final term's work in cooking. With a view to making it as practical as possible, after the fall practice in canning, pickling and preserving which was continued as long as supplies were obtainable, we began a series of lessons in getting real dinners.

Each week (you understand that a class has but one lesson in cooking a week), a committee of three seniors was appointed to wait upon one of the faculty families and solicit an order for a dinner, the menu to be planned by the committee and the lady of the house together. The lady ordering the dinner furnished all the supplies and these, with an itemized list of their cost and the menu, were brought to the kitchen, Wednesday morning.

The committee then assigned the work and, under the supervision of the teacher, directed the preparation of the dinner.

The class meets at 10 a. m. and the dinner was to be delivered at 12.15 ready to serve. As the class numbers eighteen, not more than half the girls could work at one time, but we tried to secure close attention to the details on the part of those not busy by requiring careful recitations from them on the preparation of each dish prepared by the others. Also one was appointed to estimate the cost of each dish and its nutritive value. Before the dinner was delivered by the committee a menu card was written containing the estimate of cost of the entire meal, the cost per plate and the food value of the ingredients.

The girls were much interested in the plan and prepared dinners, first, as an experiment, for the teacher's own large family; then for the President's table, then for Miss Brady, for Mrs. Lightner, and, finally, for the teachers' table at Myrtle Hall, where Miss Smith co-operated with the committee as hostess. Most unexpectedly the teacher also enjoyed the products of this morning's work for an invitation was brought to her and Mr. Newcomer to come to the Hall to help eat the dinner. With Miss Smith, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Jenness, Miss Young, and Miss Horton, we "proved the pudding" appreciatively.

Just now, these same seniors are having a series of lessons in winter desserts, to be followed, after their demonstration dinner the middle of February, by one on summer desserts and cakes. Invalid cookery they take up in the spring term with their lessons in nursing.

The Juniors are showing an unusual interest in bread, the subject which has occupied their attention much of the time this year. With yeast breads in various forms and with quick breads we have experimented in nearly every lesson. Every week two girls bring me a sample of the bread they have made for the club, on which I mark them. They ask interested and intelligent questions about yeast, its care and culture, the cause of common faults in bread, etc.

We give much attention to the use of left-overs in the kitchen, trying not only to teach economy, but to instil a spirit of pride in it and encouraging rivalry in the suggestion of ways to use "bits" left after the experiments of the last class.

Our classes are so very large, this year, and the winter is so very cold, that the smallness of the room and the inadequacy of the heating arrangements are more keenly felt than usual. When warm spring weather comes these conditions will make us almost more uncomfortable in the opposite way. A room heated only by a range and containing twenty girls is too cold for all but the cooks in zero weather; and with a baking fire quite too hot for any one when the outside thermometer registers ninety degrees. Last spring we longed for a good oil stove, but did not know just what it should be. During the summer we investigated and found that just the stove we need, having three burners, an oven and all equipment, can be obtained for twenty dollars. Does some one, or some society, want to keep us from cooking with our batters by providing this twenty dollars?

And a fireless cooker! We have been learning, in our own family, how useful a fireless cooker is, and I am anxious to teach our girls—many of whom come from regions where gas is the cheapest fuel—the use of this time, heat, and labor saver.

The best such cooker I know can be delivered here for twelve dollars. Who would like to help us just that much?

Very Truly Yours,

CELESTE BRACKETT NEWCOMER.

Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

God will fairly flood your life with all the power He can trust you to use wholly for Him.—*S. D. Gordon.*

All sunshine does not come out of the sky—the best comes out of the heart.—*Southern Presbyterian.*

Twenty-second Thank Offering Call

"Let us count our blessings,
Name them one by one,
Count our many blessings,
See what God hath done."

It is the feeling of your committee that perhaps, as never before, you are looking forward to this public call, having already realized in your hearts great cause for thanksgiving and praise.

While this has been a year of testing, we know that unity of love and desire, with faith in our Father, has brought to us the knowledge of His guidance and presence. Do we not truly feel this? Not saying these words alone, but actually realizing them and proving them to be true.

And out through and beyond individual experiences and those which have come to us in our beloved associated work, we still see Divine guidance in the growing unity of purpose manifested in various phases of national and international efforts to bring Christ to all places and to all peoples, through such agencies as the Men's Forward Religious Movement, the Missionary Education Movement, the widening influence of the Woman's Jubilee, the interdenominational conferences of foreign mission workers, and many others.

At this special time it is fitting for us to "count the blessings" which have come to our own work since the last Thank Offering call. Our Treasurer says that the two most vital things are, that there was no material falling off of receipts during the time of change and uncertainty, and that there has been a really material gain in HELPER subscribers. The HELPER is proving itself a helper indeed, among all our people. Let us count this, our magazine, among our greatest causes for thanksgiving and give it the well deserved support it merits, of the church and people.

We are truly thankful for the loyalty of our workers, the increased devotion of our young women, and the good work accomplished; for the growing influence of Storer College, its enlarged teaching force, the acquisition of the much needed water works, and the new buildings; for Prof. Anthony's gratifying reports from our foreign fields; for our tried and true missionaries, for the new recruits, the return of Mrs. Burkholder, the efficient native workers, the recent converts, the new Christian village, and for the children in the orphanages who are growing into Christian men and women. Even as we give thanks we pray for more workers for the needy stations.

We invite the children to have an offering of their very own, to help pay the salary of one of their missionaries, Miss Barnes, "Little Mother" to the girls in Sinclair Orphanage; help provide a Kindergarten for the "brownies" in India, and the domestic science department at Storer College. W. M. S. and Junior mite boxes may be obtained of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Maine, and mite boxes especially designed for the Cradle Rolls and Advanced Light Bearers, of Mrs. Laura E. Hartley, 28 Winter St., Waterville, Me. Is it not a cause for thanksgiving that the wee members of the Cradle Roll have given \$230.25 for mission work in the past year? Even the babies help.

A program and other helps for the May meeting will appear in the April HELPER. A public meeting in the church is very desirable, under the auspices of the auxiliary or others in the church where there is no auxiliary organization. It should be a deeply spiritual service, wherever held, in church, vestry or the home. Let the friends who cannot attend any gathering, observe the hour in May, and send their gift to our assistant treasurer, Miss Edyth R. Porter, 45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass. Auxiliary and church offerings should be sent to Quarterly Meeting and State treasurers; or, where there are none, to Miss Porter, of whom, also, Thank Offering envelopes and invitations may be obtained freely on application.

Let us remember the fact that the Thank Offering is a special, free-will gift; not a part of the "tenth," a payment of a due, or the membership fee. It will be counted as a part of the State apportionment, however; and each twenty dollars of any Thank Offering entitles the donor or donors to make some one a life member of the W. M. S. Offerings less than twenty dollars can be applied toward a life membership, the required amount to be completed later.

The demands upon our society were never greater. A large offering was never more needed; but the work is prospering and the outlook is one of hope and cheer.

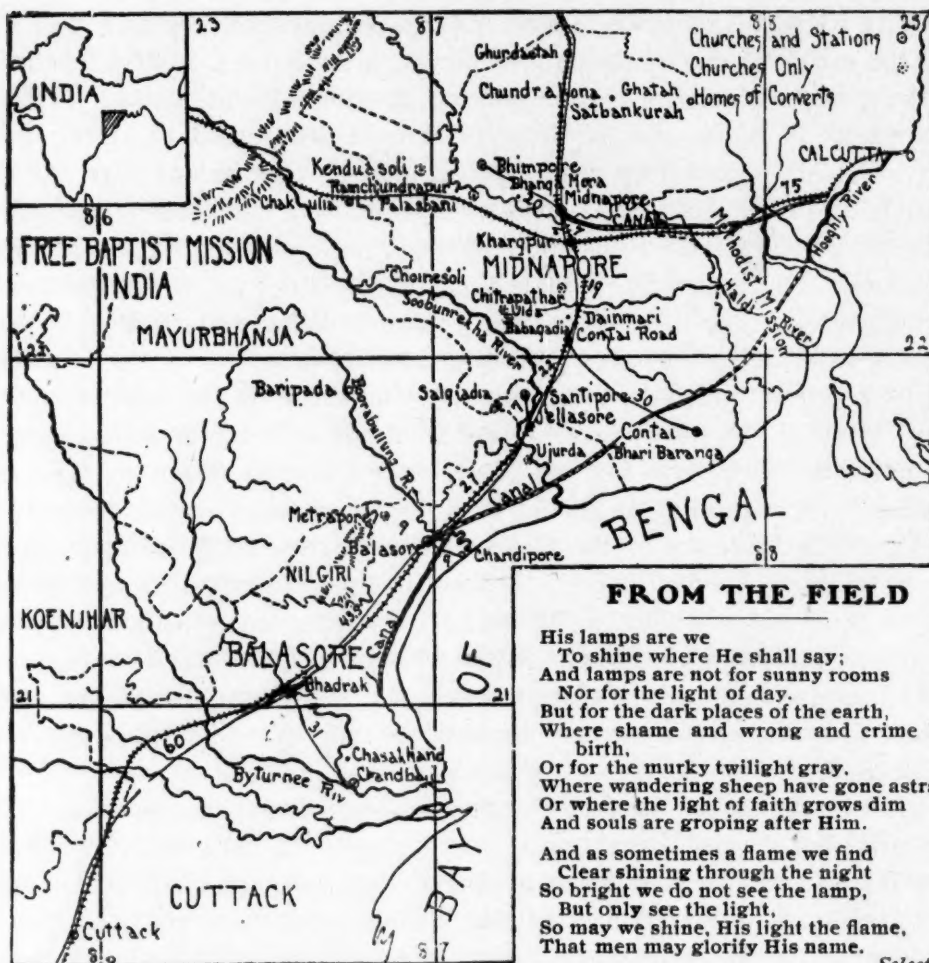
Let us gladly respond to this call and make our twenty-second Thank Offering a memorable one, giving courage to one another at home and abroad and preparing ourselves for better, richer service in the year to come.

"His bounty overruns our dues,
His fullness shames our discontent."

CLARA A. RICKER. . .

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

IDA L. STILLMAN.



Christmas in a New Christian Village

Balasore, India, Dec. 18, 1911.

My Dear Mrs. Whitcomb:—Would you like to know how we carried a bit of Christmas to a new Christian village? Has the name Kusudia become familiar to you yet? If you only knew all the interesting things about it I think it would often be on your lips. It is about twenty-five miles from Balasore, twenty-one or two of which are covered by railway, and the remainder by foot. It was my privilege, a few months ago, to be one of the party which went from Balasore to witness the baptism of nine of the people. They have not become Christians for

what they can get from the Mission, but from downright conviction of sin and desire of salvation. They do not need rice. They have it stacked around the house like meadow hay. They needed Christ, were made to see their need and have found Him.

A year ago one of the preachers, Probodh Nayak, went there to work. Previously the Mission had done no regular work there. An old Brahmin man who, like Chundra Lela, once taught the Hindu Shastras,, after becoming converted, with great faithfulness taught them the Bible. He is living now with the preacher there, and sees some fruit from his labors for the Lord, given without money or price, and but little recognition until recently. The preacher and his mother, who is one of the best Bible women, another Bible woman and several other preachers are camping now near that village and doing special evangelistic work among the people.

Some of us conceived the idea that to carry them a little Christmas fellowship would not be amiss, accordingly some of my school children made scrap-books with as much joy and missionary enthusiasm as any American children ever experienced in a similar work. Miss Coe and I collected some dolls, balls, knives, book-bags, etc., and, accompanied by Dr. Mary, two of my kindergarten teachers, our pastor and Pundit, we started at seven o'clock in the morning for Kusudia. Reaching the end of our railway journey, Dr. Mary was provided with a means of locomotion called a duley, which should be seen to be appreciated. It is, briefly, a small cot bed, suspended by a bamboo pole, covered with a sheet and carried by two men, resting either end of the pole on their shoulders. Five preachers came to meet us and a merry party proceeded on its way through the jungle and along narrow paths just like New England cow paths.

Arriving at the village home was like going to grandpa's house on Thanksgiving day. Everybody was glad to see everybody else, a family of new Christians from another village had been invited to come and everything had been made as fresh and clean as could be. Delicious odors came from the mud-walled house where many hands were busy preparing fish, vegetables, rice, etc., for our dinner. Yes, we sat on the mud floor, ate curry and rice with our hands—twenty-five or more of us—but it was as genuine a Christmas dinner as we ever ate because the Spirit of Christmas, the Spirit of Love, was there.

Dr. Mary had her harmonium and our pastor his violin. Hymns

were played and sung, their meaning explained by different ones, then the children were told the meaning of Christmas and why Christians give gifts to one another on Jesus' birthday, after which they received their first Christmas presents. They had never seen a doll or scrap-book before, and whether joy or wonder was uppermost would be hard to tell.

After a few more songs and a distribution of Sunday School cards to the assembled multitude of Hindus at the gate, we began our journey back to the station at Basta. Dr. Mary started a little ahead, and as we came up to her carriage, we saw that quite a group had gathered around her. We wondered if there had been an accident. No, they were village people telling her that they wanted to become Christians and that there were many people only waiting to see what was going to be done in the way of establishing a church and school before publicly declaring their intention. I do not know of a work in our whole field that promises better than this. Who will unite with us in praying for the preacher, those associated with him in the work, and the new Christians, the little children and the many who are opening the doors of their hearts to the Christ Who stands knocking?

Our own Christmas celebrations with the children of Balasore will come next week. In the meantime the kindergarten children will be making scrap-books to send other children, from the picture cards sent by the American children to them.

I asked some of my children, a few days ago, if they would like to give some of their own cards for the scrap-books, and when several came, bringing their little all which they had treasured so carefully, I had misgivings and very much wanted to let them keep their cards, but that would deprive them of the joy of giving to others, a privilege too precious to lose.

Lovingly yours,

SADIE B. GOWEN.

RECEIVED:— Pamphlets: "The Student Volunteer Movement After Twenty-five Years"; "The Story of Juan Cruz," by William E. Johnson, former chief special officer of the U. S. Indian Service; "Heroes of Peace," by Edwin D. Mead, and "How the Sunday Schools May Aid the Peace Movement," by Benjamin F. Trueblood, American Peace Society, 31 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; Bates College Bulletin; Storer College Catalog. Leaflets: Baptist Missions in Burma. "Quick Impressions of a Visitor," and "Bengal," by Prof. Anthony; "The Union of Baptists and Free Baptists," Open Letter from Alfred Wms. Anthony.

Notes From India

Mrs. Nettie Dunn Clark writes from Lahore, "We leave India in March on an eighteen months furlough to America and shall spend the first summer at the old home in Hillsdale, Mich." . . . Much against their will, because they so ardently desire to remain in the work, Miss Coombs and Dr. Mary Bachelor are obliged to come home on furlough this spring. They expected to sail Feb. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Wyman and Lena are also coming. Miss Coombs wrote, Jan. 11, "We were greatly relieved yesterday to have a telegram from Rangoon that Miss Goodrich had arrived well. We were getting quite anxious about her." (She had a long, rough passage.) "Mr. and Mrs. Frost arrived during Y. M. and we were, indeed, glad to welcome them, but it was a question where to locate them. It was finally decided that they should go to Khargpur, for the present, and be given the Oriya language to learn. They are taking hold with a grip and he has already preached for Mr. Collett and helped him in other ways." . . . Miss Barnes wrote from Balasore, Jan. 10, "Everyone in the Mission is rejoicing that Mrs. Burkholder is on the way to us once more. It is so interesting to see how faces light up when her coming is spoken of, and to hear the expressions of gratitude and pleasure. Miss Coe and I hope to get out into the country this month for two or three weeks itinerating work in the villages beyond Jellasure. We will leave Sinclair Orphanage in "Mousie Ma's" kind hands. That is what the children call Dr. Mary. The weather is perfect and we must make the most of our opportunity. Another baptism, the tenth near Busta, lately. My prayers for the HELPER in 1912." . . . Dr. Mary wrote in January, "Will you please pass on a little news of our native friends that will, I feel sure, interest those who know them? Koilash Mohapatra has just lost his wife, Indu. A little daughter came after Christmas, and Indu died about ten days later. She was ready to go, but no one was ready to have her. I was in Midnapore and a hurry message came as we were at dinner. Miss Coe and I went out at once. Before we got to the house we heard the sound of wailing, and when we went into the sick room we found it full of the household—the two mothers, and his sisters, brothers, the children and others. Her mother, Kosoli, was at her head trying to heat the hands, and Koilash was rubbing her feet. But the life was already gone and I had to tell them. Poor Koilash! He tried to comfort them, taking the two oldest children in his arms, and speaking strong words of faith to the two mothers. We sent for Sachi Babu. The messenger went first

to his house and so his wife was first to come. Her heart was too sore with the recent loss of her two daughters to say anything, but the quiet tears comforted, I think. When Sachi Babu came he offered prayer, and then Koilash prayed, and one thing he said stayed with us both, "The place where my wife was is vacant. Come in and fill it." The funeral was next morning. That evening he came over to see us, and we did feel so sorry for him, for he was realizing more and more what it meant to him and to the five children. Another death we have to report to some who may remember, is that of Jilpah. She was at Serampore and died there. Mrs. Kenyon Harvey's sister, the one whose husband is on Howrah bridge, has recently died, also."

Treasurer's Notes

A very busy month has just closed. The work has been greatly increased by certain business perplexities, involving the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society, of which we may write later. When hard problems have to be met, we may realize how needful they are for our growth, and that God often takes away things on which we depend too much, in order that He may give us better things. The wider vision that comes to us through the expansion of our natures, as a result of discipline, reveals the inexhaustible resources of our Heavenly Father, and that, by living in His will, they are supplied according to our need. What security it brings to depend, not on material things, however needful they may be, but on the Giver, so that we know "all things are yours."

As the March number of the *MISSIONARY HELPER* is devoted to home missionary work, your treasurer naturally writes about the home department to which we have given so much thought for many years—Storer College.

Recently, I had a long letter from Mrs. Metcalf, who reached Storer, December 18. She was warmly welcomed by "a bevy of girls." As I write, I see, in imagination, Myrtle Hall, at the entrance to the beautiful campus, and her room; the dining room, where she is with the girls three times a day, and the girls eager to do for her. She says: "It is a great satisfaction to me that after being here three years they should still want me to come." Of course, not only the girls but the whole school wants her, for she gives her services for all kinds of helpful duties. The last half of this school year she has classes in Botany, Physical Geogra-

phy and Algebra. She says: "The coming of Miss Mabel Young," whom the W. M. S. is now supporting, "was very opportune, as she takes the extra classes." There are two other new teachers, Miss Benedict, formerly a teacher in Parker College, Minn., who has had large experience in school work, and a music teacher, both of whom are "making good." President McDonald is working very hard. He and all the teachers of Storer should have our prayers.

I suppose another young man is now crossing the ocean from Barbados that he may go to this Institution. Miss Esterbrooke says he is one of her most promising boys. I have become very much interested in another of these boys—Henry Van Lesteen—who graduated at Storer last summer. He is now at Tuskegee, fitting to be a farmer, and then planning to return to South America, his native land, and interest his own people in scientific farming. He was examined and entered the post-graduating class. He is a noble fellow and has high ideals of service. He admires Booker T. Washington, and says: "Storer is based upon similar principles as this Institution." This is one of the many instances where Storer has helped young men and women in forming noble conceptions of duty to others. We very much need an increase in receipts for Storer College, just now. Are there not those, with money at their disposal for benevolences, who are willing to contribute thirteen hundred dollars, for the Board to use for this school, as the needs may demand? Does this request seem too modest? Your treasurer would be glad to correspond with any such persons regarding this matter.

There is not only a greater demand for the home work, but the early return of Miss Coombs, on account of her health, calls for passage money. As a missionary of the Maine W. M. S., it is hoped this society will take special interest in raising the money,—about \$300.

My experience as thirty-eight years treasurer is that we gain in impetus through special demands. Certainly the present affords us the opportunity to take on new life, and courage, and it is going to be unto us in proportion to our dependence on God, and so faith in "the all things possible."

We are reminded by the Call, in this issue of the MISSIONARY HELPER, that the Thank Offering month will soon be here. How much it means to our work! The Thank Offering saves us from a yearly deficit, gives us the opportunity to make a public presentation of our work, calls our attention to the source of all our mercies, and should put new life

into our work, and stimulate our faith in the One Who is willing and able to supply all our need. As your Treasurer has already hinted, we need special gifts for increased demands; this Thank Offering affords the opportunity of meeting them as an expression of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all His mercies, which are new every day. I am sure you will find a marked increase in the offering, if advanced preparation is made for it, by securing at once Thank Offering boxes of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me., and distributing them among those who would like to use them till the time of your public service, and by widely distributing the invitations and envelopes, so that all, young and old, men and women, may have the opportunity of giving to a work that is helping our India field and Storer College. Remember that these gifts are used for the regular denominational work.

I have just received Miss Porter's statement showing a falling off in receipts for January, as compared with receipts for the same month, last year, of \$224.96. This emphasizes the need of more active effort in the work of raising funds, through increased membership, special contributions and Thank Offerings. While efforts are made, by our loyal band of workers along these lines, may we commit the needs to our Heavenly Father, Who is not dependent on any one way for supplying them.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

(All contributions should be sent to Miss Edyth R. Porter, 45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.)

Assistant Treasurer's Notes

Your Assistant Treasurer came to feel that possibly what we ought to do was being over-emphasized in her notes, because it has seemed so imperative that the present situation of our society, our responsibilities and our opportunities, should be fully understood by all our members.

She felt, too, that *full* knowledge was only necessary to ensure our moving forward, loyally and heartily, as individuals, as societies, and as churches, withholding naught, at least of our accustomed effort or material support, to our work, both home and foreign.

Last month, before knowing the total receipts and making comparison with last year's corresponding month, the resolve was made that, even if the comparison was not favorable, no word of admonition or urging should be included in the Notes,—just the favorable signs, the forward

steps, the encouraging things, should be mentioned. The comparison, however, was favorable.

Continuing this way for a time, at least, the figures themselves shall speak to you.

Let us glance at some of our letters. One of our State Treasurers writes: "Isn't this more like as it should be!! I am greatly pleased at the increase over December."

This from another State Treasurer: "Ever since the question of Union came up, things have seemed to be at a standstill with us, but now we find an increasing interest in our missionary work, and have been able to interest some of the young women." Then there is our Treasurer's summing up of our six months' work in this month's HELPER, as well as Dr. Anthony's expressed judgment of our people's quite generous response to our present obligations. From all of these we take courage.

Our attention is called to the *Bengal Famine Fund* by the gift from a Maine Auxiliary.

Rev. Mr. Hamlen's appeal to the *Watchman-Star*, of February first, shows us how serious is the condition "because the rain failed this year."

Maine has auxiliary, Sunday School and individual gifts for support of children in Sinclair Orphanage, and among these givers is the Golden Rule Circle Class of Pittsfield.

A Cambridge, Mass., Friend gives amount of the yearly support of a little widow in India; Melrose Highlands Girls' Mission Circle pays for share in Miss Barnes' salary; Rhode Island has Juniors, Sunday Schools, Y. P. S. C. E. Society and Cradle Rolls joining with auxiliaries in gifts for orphans, kindergarten work, etc.

Miss Benedict's gift for the India school which she is supporting, comes from Harper's Ferry. This calls our attention to the fact that she has become one of the Storer family this year and is thus helping in the work there.

The Baptist Sunday School of Blue Earth, Minn., pays for two shares of Miss Barnes' salary; Huntley Auxiliary pays \$45.00 on its apportionment; Madelia Auxiliary \$20.00 on its apportionment, and the Sunday School takes a share in Miss Barnes' salary; while Verona Auxiliary's gift is for Foreign Missions.

Members of Denton, Kansas, Auxiliary ask that their membership

dues be put on Miss Barnes' salary, adding, "We call her, after a fashion, *our* missionary."

Mrs. Blauvelt of Tusket, N. S., is hoping to interest her Sunday School class in mission work through the knowledge and direct touch which they will have with the child in India, which she supports. In closing, she says: "We scatter a few seeds, they may bring forth a hundred fold."

Gifts come from Mr. O. M. Moulton, who so kindly and often remembers our work,—he expressing the wish "that the good work may prosper,"—and from Mr. James Atkins Dyer of California, that of the latter being "In Memoriam."

A letter from Miss Esterbrook of Barbados, acknowledging a small gift, expresses most grateful thanks, and she adds: "I had just gone into debt to make the Christmas dinner for the Ragged Schools, and felt sure the Lord would honor my faith. We fed two hundred and over and in fact have not finished feeding yet (Dec. 29) as I send out every day to the sick and those who could not come. * * * Please convey to the F. B. W. M. S. my sincere thanks and tell them I am waiting and looking for the one they are sending to look over the work here and shall be glad to welcome them soon."

Total Receipts January, 1911.....	\$765.66
Total Receipts January, 1912.....	540.70

EDYTH R. PORTER.

45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

Shares in Miss Barnes' Salary

Will all who have not paid during the past year for shares in Miss Barnes' salary, as enrolled in the Roll of Honor, please do so during the month of March, sending the money directly to Miss E. R. Porter, 45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass. This request is made so that the Treasurer can revise the list early in April, and have it appear corrected in the MISSIONARY HELPER for May. Besides, we hope there may be those who would like to be enrolled before April 1, so that their names can appear in the Roll of Honor, May 1. We need as many enrolled shares as possible. These shares are four dollars each, yearly.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"If there is one thing more than another on which missionary interest depends, and for which missionary activity must wait, it is missionary intelligence. Missionary reading means missions succeeding."

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Topics for 1911-12

September—	Missionary Campaign Meeting.
October—	Christianity and Non-Christian Religions:
	1 Hinduism.
November—	2 Buddhism.
December—	Our Foreign Field.
January—	3 Animism, Confucianism, Taoism.
February—	Prayer and Praise.
March—	Home Missions.
April—	4, 5 Mohammedanism; Asia's Opinion.
May—	Thank Offering.
June—	6 Christ the Only Light of the World.
July—	Missionary Field Day.

APRIL.—MOHAMMEDANISM; ASIA'S OPINION.

When one first comes to a Moslem country, a sentiment of profound pity for the women predominates; but as it is evident that half the population cannot be kept in an unnatural and degraded condition without entailing disastrous consequences on the other half, one begins to feel equal sympathy for the men who suffer under the disadvantage of having no true home life, and indeed, of being unable to form a conception of what it is.—From "*Our Moslem Sisters*."

Suggestive Program

OPENING HYMN.

SCRIPTURE READING.—Ephesians 6:13-18 (responsively); selections from Romans 10, by leader.

PRAYER.

THE LESSON: Mohammedism.

1. Map Study showing countries in which Mohammedism is a factor; population of countries and Mohammedan population. Note the amazing change in the last hundred years in the passage of Moslem populations under the government of Christian powers. King George of England has today, for example, more Moslem subjects than any other

monarch. This political change has made possible the carrying the message to multitudes otherwise inaccessible.

2. (a) The Prophet's Life. (b) His Book and Creed. (c) His Teachings and Defects.

3. Our Moslem Sisters. Get a young woman, in costume, if possible, to tell the life story of a typical Mohammedan woman. ("Our Moslem Sisters," published by Revell, is full of interesting material.) Or the dialog, "Outside the Mosque" (See How To Use, page 54) might be given by a group of young people and the condition of Moslem women brought out in the answer to question number seven.

4. Asia's Opinion.—This chapter should be given into the hands of one woman who, after careful reading, prepares a *brief* exercise. She explains that it is interesting to know what the Orient really thinks of Christianity, and that every opinion given is the actual expression of some leading Oriental layman. Then she calls, in turn, for an opinion from India, China, Japan, and so on. The members to whom these different parts have been given rise, as called upon, and give one vital quotation in a very few words, stating the authority.

5. Prayer for protection, guidance and blessing for Christian workers in the Moslem world.

In Memoriam

Who shall attempt to measure the power of a life of service united with the eternal Love?

"As far as earth is from the sky,
So Love is high.
Where Alpine lakes their vigils keep,
Is Love more deep.
In nature there no boundaries are,
That tell how far Love goes;
Love's measure, as each countless
star,
God knows.

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"One only thing we know, Love comes
to stay;
Though God's to give, it is not even
His to take away."

Mrs. Angella Everett, Bangor, Maine, January 25, 1912.

Mrs. Emeline A. Clement, Bradford, Massachusetts, February 1, 1912.

NOTE—When a member of an Auxiliary passes on, it is fitting that the name, place of residence and date of death should appear under "In Memoriam." Resolutions and obituaries are not printed in THE HELPER.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH
OF THE
International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears
Pass it on.

All letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page or sunshine work should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.



Bernard, Another of our Blind Children

The picture shows the little boy as he came to us, not only blind but crippled. When Bernard was a year old he had an illness that left him blind and helpless, with curvature of the spine. The blind children lovingly call him "Bernie," and others often speak of him as "the child with the angel face." The members of the HELPER Branch have helped many times in this department of the Sunshine work, and we feel sure they will be glad to assist little Bernie.

Through faith and prayer Mrs. C. A. Hunt, who has become much interested in our blind baby Arthur, is able to continue her gift of one dollar a month for his support. The Missionary Society of the F. B. Church of Morton, New York, sent one large and two small quilts for the Blind Babies' Home. Mrs. Myra J. Fultz, a box which contained a cap, three pairs of mittens

three handkerchiefs and a pair of shoes. Mrs. Bryant Thayer sent three warm flannel skirts and two pretty hair ribbons for the blind children. A Michigan member, who sends a good report of I. S. S. acts, enclosed a dainty blue ribbon in her last letter, which was given at once to a blind girl. Miss E. J. Small sent a package of three hair ribbons and a large number of stamped Lincoln and Washington's Birthday and St. Valentine post cards, also 25c. for our International Day. Mrs. Jane E. Stiles, who has moved to Kankakee, Ill., has sent stamped post cards for us to pass on. Mrs. Frances Gallagher, post cards and stamps. Mrs. O. P. Sanders, a package of stamped birthday cards; these were gladly received as we only had a few on hand, and we use them constantly in our Branch work.

Miss Lillie M. Elkins, a faithful Sunshine worker, has sent in a most excellent report, and offers to pass on the HELPER and *Watchman* for another year. Miss Ethel Hanson sends an itemized list of good cheer acts monthly, and is always ready to add new names to her long list of those to whom she sends sunshine messages.

Miss A. A. Garland sent in a calendar and roll of literature. Mrs. Carrie C. Buzzell, a box of silk pieces and 30c. for postage. Mrs. F. W. Grant, a St. Valentine cap and silk needle case. Mrs. Hattie Moody and Mrs. W. H. Roberte are doing what they can to help the sad and lonely.

Mrs. Eleanor E. Stevens of Cassopolis, Mich., although in her 85th year, is in good health and is an active Sunshine member. She sent one dollar, recently, for Branch needs.

Carolyn McVay, one of our Juniors, gave paper dolls which were sent as a birthday greeting to a little girl in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. B. A. Parker reports that her class of "Willing Workers" are getting up sunshine bags for invalids, aside from many other kind deeds, and requested that a mother and daughter, both in poor health, be enrolled, Mrs. Dennis Fernald, R. F. D. Kittery Depot, Maine, and Miss Mattie L. Fernald, care State Sanitarium, Warren Summit, N. H.

Miss Lucy A. Davis of North Shapleigh, Maine, has been called to her Heavenly Home. This is a blessed release from all suffering and pain of one who has been in sore affliction for many years.

Practical Christian Living

"Our Father, my Father, make me conscious of my eternal sonship in Thee! Aid me with the joyful sense that Thou and I are partners in a common work. Give me that peace that adds strength for my task. And if the task grow harder, make me the more gentle, that I may live as I pray, seeking not to rival men but to uplift them; not to outshine them, but to shine for them. Inspire me with the courage that controls, not because it sees, but believes; and therefore knows that Thy work and mine must reach the final beauty of completion. Give me Thy love, the 'perfect love that casteth out fear.'"



OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

Some hearts, like some houses, always seem to have room for one more. This is where human hearts show their touch of heavenly infinity; they are like the skies, with no end to their outreaching. Peter saw this, and wrote in his second letter about our becoming "partakers of the divine nature," by adding love to love,—as he puts it, adding to your brotherly kindness love. That may mean adding to our love of brethren the love of others also, or it may mean adding to our love of the brethren more love of the brethren. Love is so much partaker of the divine nature that it can ever stretch out about more people, or more abundantly proceed towards the same people. It is ever inventing new telescopes which add new stars to its charts, and which make the old stars shine out in brighter magnitude.—*The Sunday School Times*.

A human being in himself is worthless. A human being rightly related to God is divine. This relationship with God, that brings the extraordinary into your life and makes the extraordinary possible, is the one thing of concern for you and me.

Jesus Christ comes to you and to me and asks the question, "What do ye more than others?" And I think He would have us close every day with asking the simple question, "What have I done today that nobody but a Christian would do? What little kindness that has shown the winning love of Jesus Christ? What care of conscience in minute detail that nobody but Christ would consider worth while? What vast undertaking that marks the sense of the richness of God's help back of my life? What strength and purity of character against heavy odds and temptations that none but God could grant to a frail body?" "What do ye more than others?" The Christian extra in your life and mine is that through which Jesus Christ expects to win the world to Himself.—*Selected*.

Words from Home Workers

"O Father, Who dost notice every man's work, enable us to regularly do our best and then rest. Help us to happily take up our own tasks. Steady our tempers. Tame our tongues. Awaken our ambition. Enthuse our smallest activities. Lead us into all our open doors of usefulness, for the Great Master's sake."

WATCHWORD FOR 1912.

An Auxiliary in Every Church; The MISSIONARY HELPER in Every Home.

Report of Western Committee:—Nebraska has been most fortunate in having, as one of her daughters, Mrs. Emma G. Murphy (on furlough) who did itinerary work in the fall and early winter.

Mrs. Murphy attended the Yearly Meeting at the Hickory Grove church. In writing of the woman's meeting, she says: "When talking to our own Free Baptist women I take it for granted that they are interested in our India missions and aim to make them more so. At this meeting I introduced the different missionaries, telling a little of the work of each. In conclusion I spoke of the HELPER as the one means of knowing what is going on and being done by our missions. Five subscribers were secured."

From the Yearly Meeting Mrs. Murphy went to Grand View. This church raised the salary of a native pastor last year. Of this she writes: "I was glad to be able to report to them something of his work and to urge and encourage them to do as much this year, and I think they will."

The next church visited was Long Branch. This church, also, has taken a native pastor's support. The weather being unfavorable, the public meeting had to be given up. Three subscriptions to the HELPER were secured.

Later Mrs. Murphy visited four churches, of which she writes: "Two of the churches, Kenesaw and Elm Island, are Free Baptist and the other two are plain Baptist. In the former churches I met friends of former years and all were glad to have me meet with them. In the latter I met all new faces except the pastor. I found the ladies much interested in missions, and I know Bengal missions have gained friends by our visit."

In all, fifteen subscriptions to the HELPER were secured. The committee are very grateful to Mrs. Murphy for the splendid work she has done in Nebraska.

(MRS.) CARRIE MILES, Chairman.

....*Lowell, Mass.*, Chelmsford St. Church:—Our W. M. S. held the first meeting of the year at the parsonage with the president, Mrs. Wilson. It was a splendid meeting in every way. We had a prayer and praise service which was very helpful and interesting. Every member present, (38 in number), responded with a verse of Scripture which had the word

prayer in it, and some who could not come, sent their verse and the reason why they could not be present. Special music was provided, which was excellent. Short papers on prayer and praise were read and appreciated. A very touching poem entitled "So Much To Do at Home," was read by Mrs. Wilson, and when the meeting closed many said it was the most interesting missionary meeting they had ever attended. This society has made marked progress during the past year under the able leadership of our pastor's wife; 15 new members have been added, making a total of something like 50. Last year at this time we had a Cradle Roll of 30 members, now we have 82. At the Cradle Roll Rally, last June, the returns from the boxes were four times as much as they had been at any time in the past, and the prospects for the coming year are most encouraging. This success is almost wholly due to the untiring energy of our President, who insists on prompt attention to all business, meets with her officers and committees, sees that programs are issued and distributed on time, finds time to send personal messages to all members, not forgetting to include the mothers in the Cradle Roll. It speaks well for her interest in the society that she has only missed two meetings during the year, with this and all the ordinary duties of a pastor's wife, besides a little four months old baby boy who attests to the loving care he receives. We do not serve refreshments, and find that it helps to fix the attention on the real object of the meeting.

M. R. P.

Juniors



Suggestive Program

The Gleam appears and we are off again.

Miss Starr does not tell us where we are going, but says that she wants to tell us "something" about the kind of worship we are going to study today."

It seems that we are to take several trips among the Animists. [Select questions and answers from Chap. IV and Miss Starr will call attention to various objects of interest, the customs, etc., and give explanations.]

Our first landing place is among the hills of Assam. We remember that one of our Free Baptist young ladies,—Miss Florence Doe—sailed for this field last fall. [Refer to Jan. HELPER, post-cards, etc., illustrating the work here, procurable of Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Ford building, Boston.]

Miss Starr announces that "The Gleam" must not tarry longer in the Assam Hills, and when Dick asks, "Where now?" she tells us it is to the Congo Free State in Africa.

From village to village we go, and at Dr. Clarke's mission station on the banks of the Congo, we gain much information of the people and the work here. [Continue with questions and answers through Chap. IV.]

Dick asks if there was not a Lewis Clinton from Africa who went over to America to be educated in order that he might come back to his country to help his people?

David says: "Yes, he was at Ocean Park last summer and I saw him and heard him speak at the Temple. He told us of the manners, customs and needs of his people just as we see them for ourselves today."

Nelly wonders where he was educated, and Miss Starr says, "At our Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia," and adds: "I wonder just how much you children know of this splendid school for the colored people?"

Then she tells us of the early days of the college, speaking especially of its fine location.

Nelly exclaims: "Oh, yes! My mother has a picture of Jefferson Rock, which she brought home as a souvenir of a visit to Storer College and I remember hearing her say that Thomas Jefferson once said, 'it was worth a trip across the Atlantic' to look upon such wonderful scenery."

"But, children," remarks Miss Starr, "the things they have accomplished for this people are quite as wonderful as the scenery."

Then she tells of the burning of Lincoln Hall,—the boys' dormitory,—the greater advantages which the boys enjoy in the new building which has taken its place; the moving of the John Brown Fort to the college campus; the installation of the new water system, so much needed; the joy of pupils and teachers in the new pipe organ; and the improvements, new floors, etc.,—in Myrtle Hall,—the girls' building.

Some one suggests that it would be fine to help in the laying of new floors, which are needed in the other halls.

We are all interested in hearing of the oratorical contests between Storer College and Morgan College of Baltimore, and are glad that Storer won.

Miss Starr had recently received a copy of the *Storer Record* (yearly subscription for which is only 15 cts. per year, or 25c for two years), and from this we learned about the football team and games.

"My!" exclaims Grace, "so much has been accomplished, their wants must all be supplied for the present," but Miss Starr assures her such is not the case, and enumerates some things much needed to carry the work on in the most successful way possible. Among these are Y. W. C. A. room for girls; gifts to Permanent Fund; scholarships: Domestic Science Building, etc.

(See Annual Report of corresponding secretary—Home Field—MISSIONARY HELPER, Nov., 1911; also Mrs. Metcalf's Annual Letter in HELPER, Aug., 1911, and articles in this number.)

Miss Starr says that Miss Esterbrook of the Barbados Mission,

W. I., in a recent letter, spoke of sending one of her mission boys, "the best of the lot," on January 11th to Storer to be educated. Thus Storer's influence widens out indefinitely.

E. R. P.

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for January, 1912

MAINE		
Acton and Milton Mills Aux Mem fees 1911	\$ 9 32	
Biddeford Aux, for support of orphan child in India	25 00	
Dover and Foxcroft Aux. dues	2 50	
Easton W M Soc'y for Miss Coombs' sal'y	10 00	
Ocean Park, Toilers-by-the-Sea, by Mrs Wade and Mrs Whitcomb, for Miss Coombs' sal'y and	4 00	
Bengal Famine Fund	2 00	
Pittsfield, Golden Rule Circle S S class for support of child in India (Mrs Carrie Henry, teacher)	25 00	
Q M held in Belvidere	6 00	
Sebec and Exeter Q M Offering	4 73	
W Bowdoin Aux	10 00	
S S for support of Jarlo in S O	10 00	
Mrs M E Groves and Mrs E A Purinton for support of Neparti in S O	10 00	
W Buxton, Mrs W E Libby for scissors for Miss Butts	5 00	
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Ashland, Jr C E Soc'y for Miss Barnes	4 00	
Canaan Ch for Miss Butts	5 00	
New Durham Aux for Miss Butts	6 50	
Do T O for C F	2 50	
L L B's 1.50: A L B's 50c	2 00	
Somersworth Aux for Bessie Peckham School	12 00	
VERMONT		
Huntington Asso W M S	1 00	
Orange Co Asso W M S	3 58	
So Strafford Ch	5 00	
W Corinth 1st Ch	3 00	
MASSACHUSETTS		
Cambridge, Member of F B Ch for support of Widow in India	25 00	
Lowell, Chelmsford St Aux for native teacher	6 25	
Lynn, High St Aux for Nat teacher	6 25	
Melrose Hlds, Girls' Miss Sewing Circle for Miss Barnes	4 00	
RHODE ISLAND		
Greenville Aux for K W	5 00	
Do for India	15 00	
Olneyville, Plainfield St Jr and Pri Dpt of S S for Miss Barnes	4 00	
Pawtucket Aux for K W	5 00	
Do for India	5 00	
Providence, Rog Wms Aux, K W	10 00	
Do Ind	17 56	
Do C R	3 79	
Park St Aux. Ind	10 00	
Pond St C R	10 00	
Elmwood Ave Y P S C R for child in S O	12 50	
Elmwood Ave Jr C E for child in S O	6 25	
Taunton Aux, Ind	4 00	
Tiverton Ch	3 00	
NEW YORK		
Gibson Q M for native teacher	3 40	
WEST VIRGINIA		
Harpers Ferry, Miss Sarah Benedict for India Schools	25 00	
MICHIGAN		
Genesee Q M Coll, Dr B 1.10; H M 1.10; Sto 62c	2 82	
Goldville, Mrs E W Clements and family for orphan in S O	5 00	
Mayville Aux, Dr. B 1.10; H M 1.10; Sto 55c	2 75	
Ortonville Ch Dr B	10 00	
W Athens, Dr B 1.20; H M .20; Sto 60c	3 00	
Mrs F Stinson, Dr B	1 00	
MINNESOTA		
Blue Earth Bapt S S for Miss Barnes' support	8 00	
Huntley Aux, on apportionment	45 00	
Madelia F B Ch on apportionment	20 00	
Do S S for Miss Barnes	4 00	
Verona W M S for Gen For Work	25 00	
KANSAS		
Denton W M Soc'y Mem dues for Miss Barnes' sal'y	10 00	
CALIFORNIA		
Oakland, "Betsey Dyer Mem'l" for Jhumpie in S O	25 00	
NOVA SCOTIA		
Tusket, Mrs A K Blauvelt for support of child in S O	25 00	
QUEBEC		
Coaticook, Mr O M Moulton for C F	5 00	
Total Receipts January 1912	\$540 70	
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LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.		
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